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SUBJ: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES: SHIP OF INDIAN REGISTRY, DAMODAR DR.

ALBERT BLOCK

- 1. A SHIP OF INDIAN REGISTRY, THE DAMODAR DR. ALBERT BLOCK, ARRIVED AT SIRACHA PORT SOUTH OF BANGKOK MAY 9. THE SHIP HAD PICKED UP 90 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES AT SEA. THE SHIP IS A LARGE ONE, IN THE 100,000 TON CLASS, AND WILL BE TAKING ON A LOAD OF TAPIOCA FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS. ESTIMATES ARE THAT IT WILL REMAIN IN THAILAND UNTIL SOMETIME BETWEEN MAY 14 AND 17. ITS NEXT PORTS OF CALL ARE SINGAPORE AND AMSTERDAM.
- 2. THE UNHCR IS TAKING BIOGRAPHIC DATA ON THE REFUGEES MAY 9. WE HAVE TOLD THE UNHCR ACTING REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE THAT AS SOON AS WE RECEIVE THE BIO FORMS, PROBABLY EARLY MAY 10, WE WILL SEND PRESCREENERS TO THE SHIP TO TAKE FURTHER DATA ON THOSE REFUGEES WHO MAY FALL UNDER CATEGORY I OF OUR PROGRAM.

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3. WE WILL INFORM THE DEPARTMENT AND ADDRESSEE POSTS OF FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS WITH THE DAMODAR DR. ALBERT BLOCK.
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